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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SHELBY COUNTY DELEGATION TO SUPPORT ONGOING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE MEMPHIS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER STEVE MULROY AND COMMISSIONER JOHN PELLICCIOTTI.

WHEREAS, Memphis is home to higher education institutions and industry engaged in high quality, collaborative research which fosters economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, High quality, collaborative research is essential to the transfer of knowledge for the betterment of society and for the creation of new jobs and new industries for economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Economic growth and job creation in all parts of the State of Tennessee, including Memphis, are critical to the perpetuation of a robust economy for the entire State; and

WHEREAS, The Memphis Research Consortium is a collaborative venture focusing on research, medicine and healthcare, computation and computer sciences, engineering and learning technologies to promote long-term economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, The founding members of the Memphis Research Consortium are the University of Memphis, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis Bioworks Foundation, The University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center, FedEx Corporation, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare System, Baptist Memorial Health Care

Corporation, Smith & Nephew, Wright Medical Technology, Inc., and Medtronic Sofamor Danek; and

WHEREAS, The University of Memphis, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital shall be the lead institutions and conveners of the Memphis Research Consortium and shall work together to advance research in their respective fields by collaborating on projects of mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, The current proposed budget contains million of dollars in research dollars for the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, but does not include dollars for our local institutions, which could be a major detriment to West Tennessee, especially Shelby County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that this Board, after careful consideration hereby requests the Shelby County Legislative Delegation to support and encourages the Tennessee General Assembly to support ongoing efforts to provide funding for the Memphis Research Consortium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Legislative Delegation and members of the Tennessee General Assembly be made aware of this request by copy of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring the same.

Joe Ford, Interim County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

SUMMARY SHEET

I. Description of Item

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II. Source and Amount of Funding

Not applicable.

III. Contract Items

Not applicable.

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item